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**Sent:** 8/10/2011 5:10:45 PM  
**To:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=Julianne.Nassif]  
**Subject:** FW: Suffolk database attached

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**From:** O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 10, 2011 9:33 AM  
**To:** Miller, Christina (SUF)  
**Subject:** RE: Suffolk database attached  
Hi Christina,

I don't know if we have the infrastructure currently in place to support external access to our database. I will have to take that issue up with Julie Nassif and our IT department and get back to you. I'm wondering where the breakdown in communicating the results to the ADA's is really occurring? When the certs go back to the Boston Drug Control Unit I thought they scanned them daily so they could be available to the ADA's. Maybe a better system could be coordinated with them to provide more immediate information. I'm going to ask them their thoughts.

One other issue to keep in mind is that the database that I send you reflects the Suffolk County samples that have been RETURNED to the departments. Boston comes to the lab daily. However, it does not show the samples that are sitting completed in our safe waiting to be picked up. If it is a Revere or Chelsea sample it could sit for 6-8 weeks before they show up. One thought I have if it is possible that I could have the database amended to show those samples that are completed and returned to our safe. Again, that is an IT question I'll have to inquire about.

Lastly, we rarely receive plea notifications anymore from the courts. I attributed that to our reduction in the backlog but if that could be reinstituted that would be helpful. We received one in June from Dorchester Court but it had been the only one for a while.

Many thanks for your help. I will get back to you when I talk to Julie and IT.

Elisabeth

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**From:** Miller, Christina (SUF)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 2:58 PM  
**To:** O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: Suffolk database attached

Of course, no worries. I was hoping that I could have direct access? That way, you wouldn't have to send them to me. You have more important things to do. Is there any way I could expedite that connection? The real concern is about notification for those defendants who have certs that come back negative for drugs. We had some situations where the drugs came back negative and the ADA did not find out for some period of time while the defendant was in jail. A defendant should not be waiting in jail, on bail, if the charges cannot be supported.

I know you are doing the best you can as to the backlog. I hope that my people are continuing to fax you the plea forms when a case is pled out before the drugs are tested. I know the BMC will not do this because the judge's order the drugs be tested even after the plea, but the rest of the courts should be doing so.

Thank you for your time and patience. I really appreciated it.

Yes, happy summer!

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